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On Our Cover:



Molly and Stephen King
By Nikki Hedrick
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Opening Remarks

A Doggo Fit for a King

I observed that legendary author Stephen King had been posting a lot of photos of his dog Molly, a/k/a The Thing of Evil, on Twitter. Since Mr. King spends part of the year in Florida (Osprey, just outside Sarasota)—and since many of the Beachcomber family love the guy's work—I approached his people about Molly appearing in one of our Pet of the Issue features.

Realizing that Mr. King is inundated with requests, I wasn't expecting a quick response or even a response at all. When I did get a voicemail from Mr. King's Florida assistant Barbara Ann McIntyre saying "Stephen and Molly would love to do it!," I thought maybe she'd email a few photos or allow me to pull some from Mr. King's Instagram page.

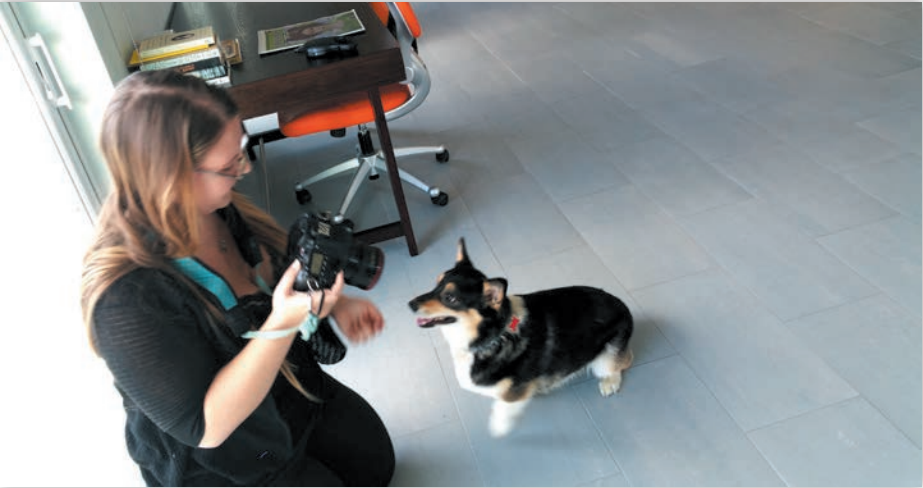
Instead, Ms. McIntyre asked when we could come down to Osprey for a photo shoot, and all I could think to say was, "What time, and can I bring my copy of *On Writing* for Mr. King to sign?"

As you can see from the Molly feature (jump to page 20), Mr. King's Corgi was an absolute delight. At one point, I was so overwhelmed by Molly's charm I forgot Mr. King was in the room. Pretty embarrassing (and rude) on my part, since Mr. King was in the middle of answering one of my questions.

Nikki Hedrick (chosen from thousands of friends and hangers-on who volunteered to join me on this adventure) and I spent about 30 minutes with Molly and her dad—which is pretty amazing—and about 18 hours on the road. I'm pretty sure I speak for Nikki when I say we'd make the trip again in a moment's notice. Thank you, Stephen King, for making one of our dreams come true.

Or maybe I should say nightmares, but that would be a lie. Anyway, I hope you enjoy our biggest Pet of the Issue ever along with all the other useful information in this issue of *Beachcomber*.

- Editor Manson



Behind the scenes at the Molly King photo shoot in Osprey, Florida, with BEACHCOMBER MVP Nikki Hedrick.

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This Issue's Contributors

Nikki Hedrick (Cover *among other things*), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She co-owns 850 Music and Entertainment and has her fingers crossed that she won't encounter any Bridezillas at the weddings she and Edward McGrath are preparing to photograph this spring. Without question, Nikki's favorite Stephen King book is *It*, which she has returned to for multiple re-readings over the years.

Joni Williams (Stream On) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too. Joni remains a doting Dog Mommy despite having read *Cujo* (her favorite Stephen King book) twice.

Alita Feek (Bartender of the Issue) lives in Shalimar and is a librarian by trade. These days, she's usually chasing her toddler around, writing or playing trumpet in the Emerald Coast Community Band. Alita's favorite Stephen King novels are *Pet Sematary* and *The Stand*.

Samantha Lambert ("RV Enthusiasts Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again") is still loving being back in Florida after 35 years away. She enjoys writing for *Beachcomber*, and as a former teacher, is using her skills to tutor local students. Samantha's favorite Stephen King books are *The Stand* (in the past) and *11/22/63* (more recent). "I always enjoyed his short stories, too," she says.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Mr. Jones was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. You can now watch him create his masterpieces on YouTube. His favorite Stephen

King books? "As a kid, it was probably *Christine*," Mr. Jones says. "As an adult, *The Green Mile*...or do I prefer *It*? I'm not sure."

Marilu Morgan (Recommended Reading), a nature lover who grew up in the mountains of northeast Alabama, lives in Destin with husband Chatham, daughter Carla May, and beagles Pocket and Hayduke. She blogs about beagles, babies and books at marilumorgan.com.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS
Rodney (Braden) is a good, honorable, decent man and a friend ("Election Time in Destin" by Charles Morgan, Feb. 22-March 7 *Beachcomber*). The attacks are unnecessary and untrue. Makes me wonder why one side is spending large amounts of money on this small town election.

- Bill Mitchell, Destin

Nothing wrong with being a "liberal." There are no pure liberals or conservatives—they are labels that divide people. Destin needs to slow down and stop promoting tourism. The tourists have found us by the millions. The beautiful beaches will always attract people from all over. Destin needs to slow down and learn how to manage what is already here.

The "rental mania" is going too far. Transient living, with the constant inflow and outflow of people, must be managed. The almighty dollar and its pursuit are destroying what little is left of Destin's natural beauty. We are becoming a circus, and the native people and wildlife are being crushed by overdevelopment.

- Bob Luongo

I appreciate Carl Hiaasen's work, and your *Beachcomber* is an easy way to see his latest. Thank you from a liberal (and Liberal!) Canadian Snowbird. I also appreciate all the work you and Charles Morgan do in a difficult region. We just hope the fear of guns in everyone's hands doesn't keep us from coming down every winter.

- Sandy Kelly



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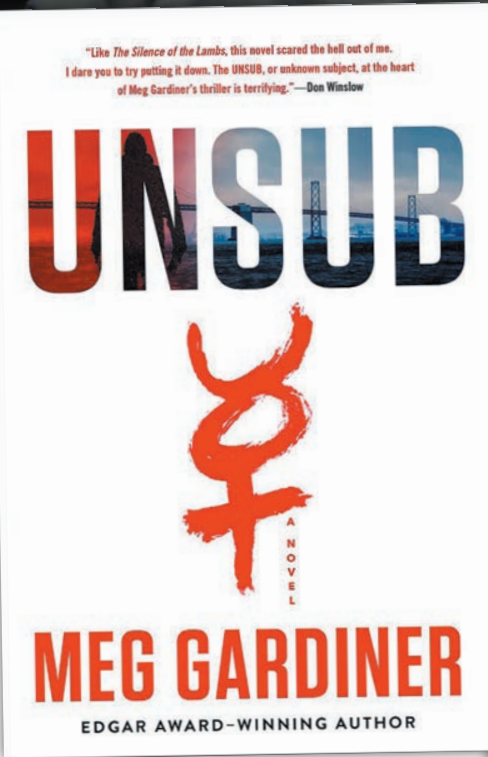
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ABOVE: The first season of MR. MERCEDES (DirectV) is the most perfectly cast adaptation of Stephen King's work—hell, anyone's, now that I think about it. Brendan Gleeson—recently seen on the big screen in PADDINGTON 2—is superb as retired (and tortured) detective Bill Hodges, and it doesn't hurt to have seasoned pros like David E. Kelley, Jack Bender and Dennis Lehane behind the camera, either. Great news—a second season is in the works.

LEFT: If you picked up Meg Gardiner's latest, INTO THE BLACK NOWHERE, on my recent Editor's Choice recommendation (and you really should have), you'll want to catch up with the first book in the series. UNSUB is now out in mass market paperback, and its story of a California serial killer (think the Zodiac Killer, but lots worse) will keep you up nights.

RIGHT: BLACK PANTHER may be the first superhero picture with an agenda since SUPERMAN IV: THE QUEST FOR PEACE, but if you're looking for a good time at the movies, Ryan Coogler's film works just as well on that level, too. Here's hoping our hero takes on Neo-Nazis in an upcoming installment.



LEFT: Jennifer LeBeau's TROUBLE NO MORE intercuts energetic concert footage from Dylan's Born Again period with sermonizing by actor Michael Shannon, and the preaching has nothing—and everything—to do with the music. Currently playing on Cinemax.



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Our fearless music correspondent Nikki Hedrick with Blessthefall lead singer Beau Bokan during a recent show at Destin's (Beachcomber Music Award-nominated) Club LA.
Photo by Edward McGrath.

Nikki Hedrick and Editor Manson with cover girl Molly King and her dad Stephen, who is apparently a writer of some notoriety.
Photo by Ethan King.





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A Good Week for Art and Ballet, Thanks to Okaloosa Public Arts

Okaloosa Public Arts (OPA) recently awarded grants of \$5,000 each to the Arts and Design Society (ADSO) and the Northwest Florida Ballet, both nonprofit organizations. The presentation to these groups takes place at the Arts and Design Society's reception for their "That Old Refrain" show Friday, **March 9**, from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Bernadette Sims, president of the OPA Board of Directors, stated that selection criteria for this award were based on artistic excellence and community involvement. Both of these organizations are the oldest arts organizations in town and have contributed in many ways to Okaloosa County for years. ADSO is 62 years old, and the Northwest Florida Ballet will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in two years.

Both organizations have provided classes for children, teens and adults and have collaborated in public artistic presentations as well. The standard

of art, in both performing and visual art media events, has risen to a very professional level as a direct result of the involvement of these nonprofit organizations.

The money given to the Northwest Florida Ballet will be used to support the visual art program that the NWF Ballet Academie offers to their students, through providing supplies and staff support. The ADSO grant will primarily be used to improve the teaching and display space for children's art activities at the Art Center Gallery.

Okaloosa Public Arts is a nonprofit organization that exists to promote the arts and organize art exhibits for public buildings in Okaloosa County. They have provided art exhibits in the Okaloosa County Courthouse Extension (there is now a permanent collection there); the mural inside the lobby of that building painted by member Elia Saxer; the statue outside the building; and the Lady Justice Statue in the lobby.



Okaloosa Public Arts founding members. Back row, from left—Thalia Newton, Linda Carr, Anne Johnston, Fran Gertzman and Linda Kernick. Front row, from left—Dinah Remington, Bernadette Sims and Barbara Lord.

In addition to the entrance hall murals in the Okaloosa County Administration Building in Shalimar, OPA has sponsored a new art show there every summer since the building opened.

- Tuny Jennings

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Going to School Shouldn't Turn into a Death Sentence

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

I know a high-school senior who hadn't heard the awful news from Parkland before he got home Wednesday. He stared at the television and said, "What?"

And, moments later, shaking his head: "What the hell?"

This young man doesn't know anyone who goes to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, though it's not far away. His own father had grown up in Broward County, and so had his father's father.

All afternoon the death count went up. The early news reports said one fatality, then seven, then "numerous," and then—by late evening—the sickening toll was 17 dead and many wounded.

"I'm scared to go to school," the young man said.

Yet the next morning, like millions of other students, he got up and went to school. And his heartsick parents, like millions of others, urged him to be careful, be alert, know where to hide and when to run.

Because this is how we live today in America, where any demented soul can get his hands on an AR-15.

It isn't enough to lecture our kids about wearing seat belts, or not texting while they drive. Now we

need to lecture them about what to do when bullets start flying.

They're not perfectly safe in school. Or at the movies. Or at a concert. Or at the mall. Or even inside a church.

Columbine, Aurora, Blacksburg, Newtown, Las Vegas, Orlando, San Bernardino, Sutherland Springs and many more—the town of Parkland goes high on the worst-ever list of domestic gun massacres, and the list will grow.

By now, each new horror story arrives with a crushing familiarity, capped by the same pathetic, canned responses from do-nothing political leaders. After every bloodbath, they recycle a well-practiced script.

Gov. Rick Scott showed up in front of the microphones at Parkland to condemn the latest massacre as "pure evil." That's basically all he has in the bag.

Scott carries an A+ rating from the NRA, which lustily endorsed his reelection campaign with the following praise: "Rick has signed more pro-gun bills into law in one term than any other governor in Florida history."

He didn't mention that after the Pulse nightclub slaughter, or the mass shooting at the Fort Lauderdale airport. He didn't bring it up the other night, either, though I bet it will be a topic of interest during his upcoming run for the Senate.

Poised beside the governor in Parkland was Attorney General Pam Bondi, another darling of the NRA.

A few years ago she joined a failed Republican push to allow 18- to 20-year-olds to buy handguns and ammo. (They can already legally purchase long guns, which is how the alleged Parkland shooter acquired his assault rifle last year at age 18.)

Guess what Bondi came to offer the families of the murdered teens at Douglas High: free funerals.

I wish I was making that up, but I'm not.

Sorry for your loss, folks. Now that your children are dead, we'll take good care of them.

Meanwhile, expressing boilerplate sympathy on Twitter was Sen. Marco Rubio, aka "the \$3 million man." That's how much he has collected in NRA donations, putting him sixth among the top 10 beneficiaries of the Washington gun lobby.

Rubio's reaction to Parkland was the same as with all mass shootings—it's just too darn early to talk about tougher gun controls. We need more facts!

Count on him to vanish from the debate until the next tragedy.

Remember, he once helped kill legislation that would have banned persons on U.S. terror watch lists from buying firearms. That, friends, is how you earn an A+ from the NRA.

Even if GOP leaders miraculously sprouted testicles and passed a bill making it harder to buy assault rifles, the legislation wouldn't likely get past President Donald Trump. He, too, bows to the NRA, which spent more than \$30 million helping him win the White House.

Ironically, McClatchy reports that the FBI is investigating whether some of that NRA money for the Trump campaign illegally came from Russia. Whatever the source, it won't erase the president's enormous political debt to the gun lobby.

Hours after the Valentine's Day shooting, he tweeted that no child "should ever feel unsafe in an American school." For God's sake, how can they not?

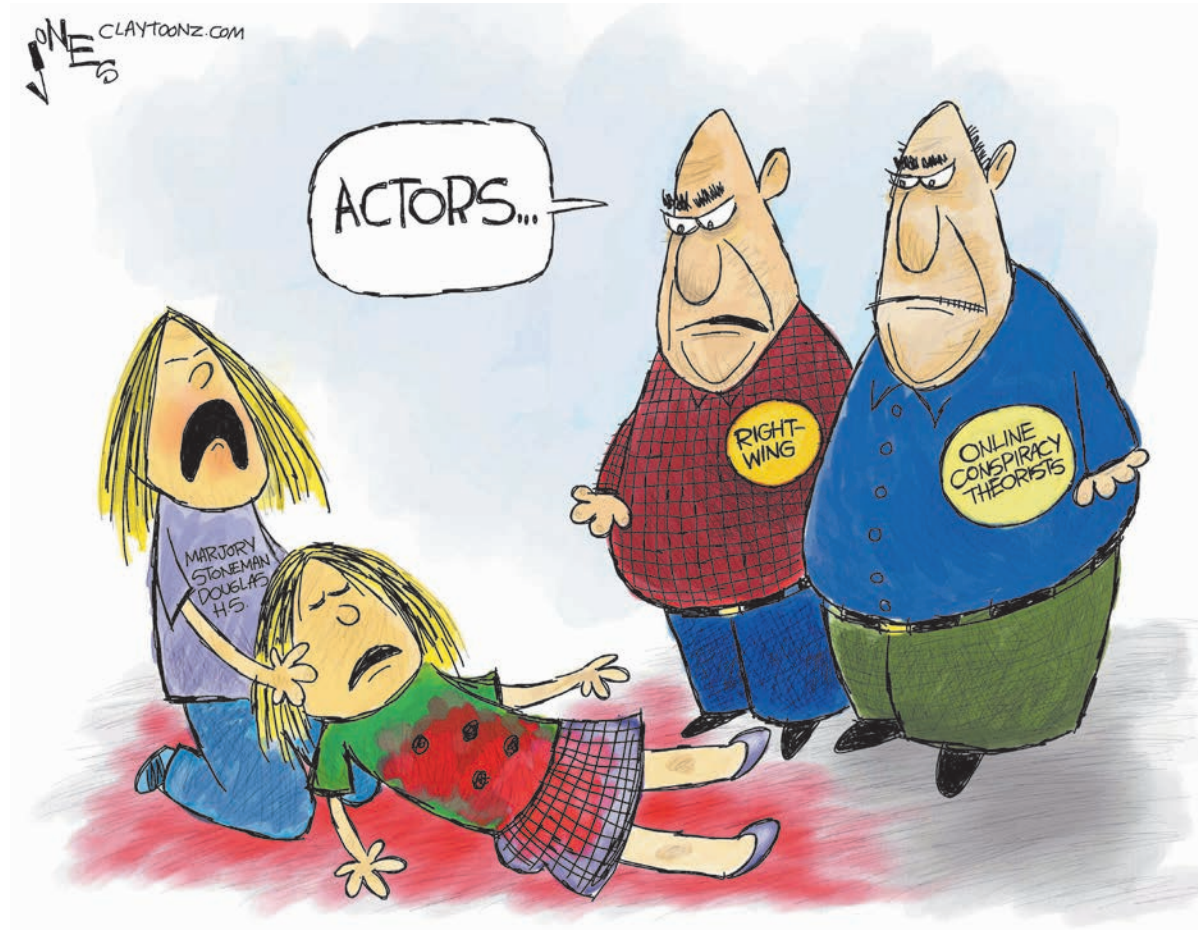
The high-school senior in our house noticed extra police cars on campus the next morning. In every class, shaken students were talking about Parkland. A teacher broke down and wept.

But at least they all came home from school alive.

Which, in these times, we call a good day.

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Amazing New Breakthrough to Reduce Mass Shootings!

By Ann Coulter

As fun as it is to ridicule the FBI for devoting massive resources to chasing down Hillary Clinton's oppo research while blowing off repeated, specific warnings about school shooter Nikolas Cruz, we've put a lot on the agency's plate.

We're hauling in nearly 2 million manifestly unvetted Third World immigrants every year, leading to a slew of FBI "Watch Lists" with a million names apiece. In 2015, Director James Comey said that there were ISIS investigations in all 50 states—even Idaho and Alaska! And that's just one terrorist organization.

Maybe the FBI brass would still be a bunch of incompetent, PC nincompoops if we weren't dumping millions of psychotic and terrorist foreigners on the country. But even the most efficient organization would have trouble keeping track of the Nikolas Cruzes when our immigration policies require approximately one-third of the country to be constantly watching another third of the country.

Thanks to our Second Amendment, the United States has fewer mass shootings per capita than many other developed countries, including Norway, France, Switzerland, Finland, Belgium and the Czech Republic. (And 98 percent of our mass shootings occur in "gun-free zones.")

But imagine if we could cut our mass shootings in half?

There have been about 34 mass shootings since 2000. Forty-seven percent—16—were committed by first- and second-generation immigrants, i.e. people who never would have been here but for Teddy Kennedy's 1965 immigration act.

And the immigrant mass shootings have been some of the most spectacular ones, such as Fort Hood and San Bernardino. Two of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history, at Virginia Tech in 2007 and at the Pulse Nightclub in 2016, were committed by first- and second-generation immigrants, i.e., people who were in this country because Teddy was pouting in his room and refused to come out until he got his own legacy.

(Excluded from both lists: the Las Vegas shooting, because law enforcement has

released nothing but lies about it, so that shooting remains unclassifiable; family dispute shootings; targeted assassinations of police officers; and shootings on Indian reservations.)

Here's the list of immigrant mass shootings, defined as a shooting at the same general time and location, not during the commission of another crime, that leaves at least four people dead—i.e. no gangland shootings, no "man kills family, then self" and no drug deals gone bad.

On account of the Rule of Journalism that permits the word "immigrant" to be used only in sentences with the word "valedictorian," you may not have heard of some of these mass shootings at all.

1) Omar Mateen, son of Afghan immigrants, killed 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando on June 12, 2016.

2) First- and second-generation Pakistani immigrants Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik opened fire at a community center Christmas party in San Bernardino, California, on Dec. 2, 2015, killing 14 people.

3) English immigrant Christopher Harper-Mercer killed 9 people at Umpqua Community College in southwest Oregon on Oct. 1, 2015.

4) Kuwaiti immigrant Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez shot and killed five people in attacks on two military installations in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 16, 2015.

5) Second-generation Malaysian immigrant Elliot Rodger killed six people on May 23, 2014, around the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

6) Second-generation immigrant John Zawahri opened fire at his Southern California home and later at the campus of Santa Monica College on June 7, 2013, killing five in all. (*The New York Times* never mentioned that he was the child of Lebanese immigrants. The *Times* didn't even mention that his Arab father used to beat up his mother, despite that paper's usual heightened interest in stories about men being mean to women.)

7) Cuban immigrant Pedro Alberto Vargas fatally shot six people in his

apartment complex in Hialeah, Florida, on July 26, 2013.

8) Probable Barbadian immigrant Aaron Alexis shot and killed 12 people inside the Washington Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013. (See vdare.com/posts/aaron-alexis-may-have-been-a-barbadian-american-like-eric-holder.)

9) South Korean immigrant One L. Goh opened fire at Oikos University in Oakland, California, killing seven people on April 2, 2012.

10) Mexican immigrant Eduardo Sencion shot up an IHOP in Carson City, Nevada, on Sept. 6, 2011, killing four people—three National Guardsmen and a 67-year-old woman.

11) Second-generation immigrant Nidal Malik Hasan, son of Palestinian immigrants, killed 13 people at Fort Hood, Texas, on Nov. 5, 2009.

12) Vietnamese immigrant Jiverly Wong shot up the Binghamton, New York, American Civic Association on April 3, 2009, killing 13.

13) Bosnian immigrant Sulejman Talovic fatally shot five people at the Trolley Square Mall in Salt Lake City on Feb. 12, 2007.

14) Seung-Hui Cho, a South Korean immigrant, slaughtered 32 people at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

15) Hmong immigrant Chai Soua Vang killed six hunters in northern Wisconsin on Nov. 21, 2004.

16) Mexican immigrant Salvador Tapia shot up the Windy City Core Supply

warehouse in Chicago in 2003, killing six of his former co-workers.

If you missed your favorite immigrant mass shooting, please note that I excluded Jamaican immigrant Colin Ferguson (Long Island Railroad massacre in 1993); Nigerian immigrant Peter Odighizuwa (Appalachian School of Law shooting in 2002); Haitian illegal immigrant Kesler Dufrene (North Miami shooting in 2012); and Nigerian immigrant Henry Williams Obotetukudo (Bronx-Lebanon Hospital shooting in 2017). We are only counting mass shootings since 2000 that left at least four people dead.

First- and second-generation immigrants have committed more than 40 percent of all mass shootings since 2000. I know we've been admitting Third World immigrants at a breakneck pace, but I don't think immigrants make up nearly half the population yet.

Once we exclude the immigrant mass shooters, a clearer pattern emerges. The typical American perpetrator is a young man with paranoid schizophrenia — or, as we're now euphemistically calling it, "autism" — probably exacerbated by pot, a deadly combo platter.

An immigration moratorium and widespread deportations would not only cut mass shootings in half, but it would also free up the FBI's time to focus on these delusional young men with the terrifying stare, who hear voices no one else hears.

Young men like Nikolas Cruz.

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In Destin, Life Is a Carnival

By Charles Morgan III

Destin is at a crossroads. We've been there before. Unfortunately, more often than not, we've taken the wrong path.

Tourism in Destin has taken on different forms over the 40 years Harbor Docks has been in business. In the past eight years, since the BP oil spill, the tourism industry has morphed into something that I haven't seen before.

We've sold our soul.

If you are fortunate enough to have a retirement savings account, you are usually instructed to have a diverse portfolio. That is so that if one segment of our economy does poorly, you'll have holdings in areas that may do well. In sports gambling parlance, that would be termed "hedging your bets." I've always advised my children to keep their options open. There's even the old sage adage "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

The powers that be in Destin have flaunted that advice. Over history, the path of our development has devolved into a frantically crazed drive towards increasing tourism. It's an all-out effort. And we're all in.

The brand for Destin is certainly no longer The World's Luckiest Fishing Village. It's closer to

something like *HEADS IN BEDS – BUTTS ON JET SKIS – EVERYONE TO CRAB ISLAND*.

We've got helicopter rides, parasailing, jet skis and pontoon boats, dolphin watching tours, fireworks, zip-lines, AYCE (an acronym we all now recognize) seafood, and garish stores advertising "T-shirts 3 for \$10" with sizes up to XXXXXXL.

This is not the "festive marketplace" that developers promised us. It's an all out carnival. A county fair might be interesting one visit a year. Living in a savagely weird circus everyday is not what we bargained for. I haven't been to a carnival or fair or circus in more than 30 years. I don't feel like I have to. I experience it every day in my hometown.

Look, I've fed as many tourists as anyone. I used to spend the late winter months nervously hoping that the tourists would come in the spring and that it wouldn't rain on the big holiday weekends. I wanted to make enough money to survive another winter.

But we offered a different town then, a different experience for our visitors. There's no hopeful anticipation for the number of tourists this year. We can't possibly have any more visitors than we had last season. Traffic won't be any more bearable this year than last. But I guess it couldn't possibly get worse.

It's not fair for me to rail on about Destin's woes without offering an alternative. I've got one.

For God's sake, get rid of the TDC. There is no more tourism to develop. There was 98 percent occupancy for decades before the BP oil crisis. A TMC (Tourist Maintenance Council) would have been better. At least get rid of the arm of the TDC that spends most of the funds on advertising. Do not spend another dollar on mass advertising!

We'll still get plenty of tourists, and they will bring more money with them.

Eight years ago, following the BP spill, the TDC, in sheer panic, offered free gift cards for \$100 of gas and \$100 of shopping at the outlet mall. The cards that weren't stolen ended up in the hands of budget conscious tourists looking for a deal. They haven't stopped coming.

Long ago, I grew tired of listening to economic development people dream about luring the next Google or Facebook or Apple to our area. Hello? THEY'RE NOT COMING!

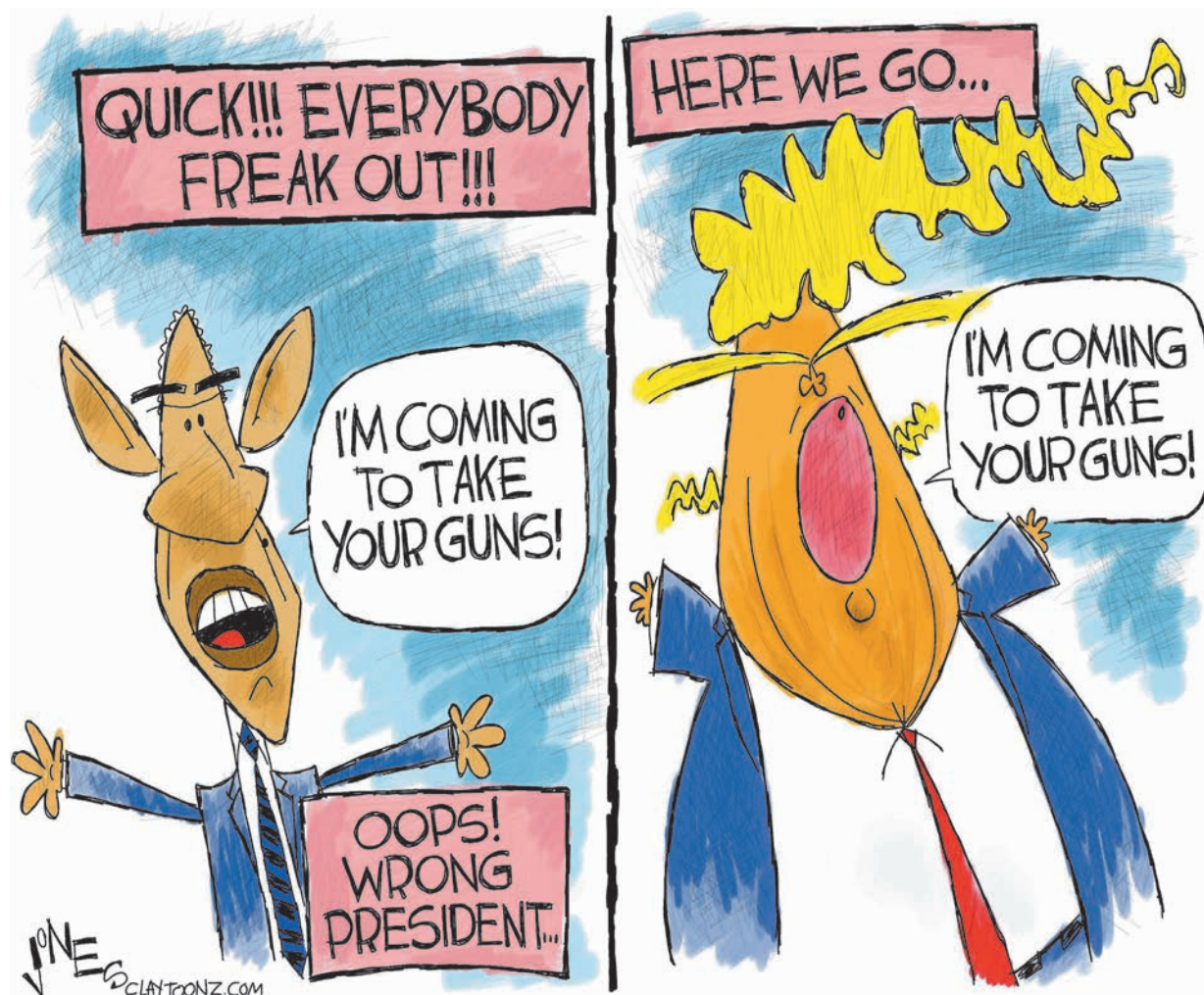
Great companies aren't attracted to locations because of tax breaks. They settle in towns that have a wonderful quality of life—not places that resemble gaudy carnivals. They're apt to locate in places where you can ride a bicycle without getting murdered. More than any single thing, they are drawn by excellent schools.

Unless something changes quickly, my three grandchildren will likely go to an elementary school where they will sit in the same FEMA-style portable, trailer classroom that their fathers did. Destin Elementary is virtually unchanged since their grandmother went there in the 1960s. That is criminal.

Our school would be a great place to start if we really want to make Destin special again. But it's hard to concentrate on schools when you're constantly battling to keep high-rise timeshare buildings from marring the landscape.

There is a time for everything. It's past time for us to get selfish with our town. Let's make it an absolutely wonderful place to live and work and raise kids.

I promise—if we'd take a deep breath and forget about tourism, things can get better. Tourists won't abandon us because we've made Destin a spectacular place to live. They'll enjoy their visits, and we'll enjoy our lives.



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ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit www.artistsatgulfplace.com for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$90 (\$80

for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

April 7. Watercolor Collage with Deb Chilcote, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$52 (\$42 for ADSO members), some supplies included. Learn a fun and beautiful technique incorporating watercolor paint with torn pieces of decorative paper napkins, resulting in stunning one-of-a-kind collages. Visit the ADSO website for supply list and more info.

April 12. Sip and Paint Class with Pat Z. Roberts, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included. This session's theme is "Enchanted Forest." Bring the beverage of your choice to enjoy while learning to paint with acrylics.



CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit www.CHROMA30A.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.



Molly King fan art by Bradenton, Florida, artist Matthew McAllister. More in our Pet of the Issue feature. Did we mention that we got to meet Stephen King recently?

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March 24. Intro to Wood Turning, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Limited to the first three registrants. **Christopher Sandlin** teaches safety and the basic skills of wood turning. No heavy tools or lifting required. Cost is \$46 per student (\$41 for museum members), all supplies included.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

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ART EVENTS

THROUGH MARCH 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY'S (ADSO) "THAT OLD REFRAIN" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
The show, featuring works inspired by lines from songs or poems, runs through **March 30**.

Reception Friday, **March 9**, 6-8 p.m. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

THROUGH MARCH 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month, the spotlight is on award-winning, multit talented **Marcy Eady**. This display includes Ms. Eady's sculptures and pottery in clay, as well as 2D work, acrylic paintings and drawings.

THROUGH MARCH 31. "HEALING THROUGH ART EXPRESSION" AT DESTIN LIBRARY



Artwork from local military members and veterans. Call the Okaloosa Vet Center at 850-651-1000 for more info.

MARCH 10. ARTIST GALLERY DAY AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Doors open at 10 a.m. Various artists demonstrate how they do it. Refreshments and one-of-a-kind items available. Call 850-218-2155 for more info.

MARCH 24. ADSO FUNDRAISING COOKOUT AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

The cookout in the courtyard starts at 11 a.m., and 12 bucks gets you a burger

or hot dog, beverage, chips and cookies. Enjoy live music by **Michael Fagan**. Also, a stepping stone fundraiser will take place, with all materials supplied. For a \$5 donation, participants may make one stepping stone to remain in the courtyard—for \$25, you can make one to take home.



APRIL 14. HH ARTS THIRD ANNIVERSARY AND GALLERY DAY AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

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ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

AMUSE ART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at amuseartstudio.com.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of local artist **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery, or take a class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint-and-sip-type classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding the joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30a.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us!

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com. The Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

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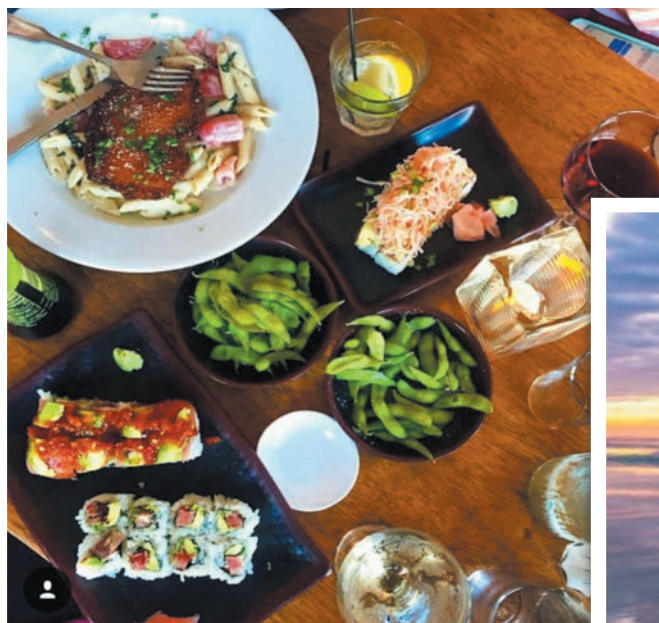
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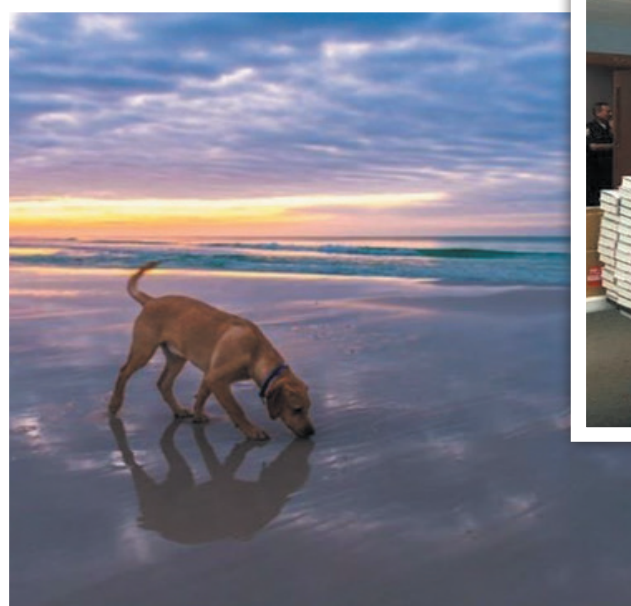
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Nahko Dispenses Good Medicine in Pensacola

By Nikki Hedrick

Nahko Bear fronts the band Nahko and Medicine for the People, who are known for their blend of world music and modern sensibilities. It's a style infused with roots music and rooted in Nahko's unconventional life story.

He is currently touring in support of his solo album *My Name is Bear*, with the full band performing.

"This specifically for us," he says of the upcoming dates. "It's about getting to come to some of the areas that we weren't able to reach on our fall tour. We weren't able to get to Florida at all. I'm stoked to bring the show there. We have had a great fan base there and always a good turnout. Always a good vibe."

Nahko calls *My Name Is Bear* a collection of early songs—songs that pre-date the band and pre-date much of his personal journey. "Getting to tell these stories of who I was from the perspective of who I am now is a pretty special and kind of trippy experience."

"It's actually about much more of a sort of... I don't want to say too simplistic manner, but most of my fans aren't really accustomed to me talking about love songs. Yeah, there's been some love songs but it hasn't been focused on that. It's been focused on a much different version of storytelling, right?"

Previously released material has featured his identity search. "I spent a lot of time after I met my birth mother writing our records—the band records," he says. "(This) is actually a collection of songs that were written before that monumental, life-changing time."

Nahko was adopted at a young age, raised by conservative, white, and well-off parents. As a teenager, he felt the pull of music. At 21, he found his birth mother, from whom he gained a better understanding of his Apache, Puerto Rican, and Filipino roots. He also learned his mother's story—she was sex trafficked at the hands of her own mother at age 13, which led to Nahko's birth when she was 14.

"It's a developing thing," Nahko says of a potential nonprofit focused on



sex trafficking issues. "I think as my mom and I dive into our own healing together—as we develop our understanding of how we can help the rest of the world through our story—that, yeah, I would have more to share on that level. There is something in motion, I'm not even sure what it is, necessarily—I just know that it's happening."

From sponsoring the annual Run4Salmon event (that includes a two-week trek while raising money towards the restoration of Chinook salmon along the Pacific coast) to the Nahko Scholarship (helping disadvantaged indigenous youth attend the InterTribal Youth cultural summer camps to political campaigning), Nahko stays busy.

When it comes to Nahko's music and general outlook, one particular comparison recurs on the Internet, but he is quick to laugh it off. "Anybody who

enjoys being compared to Bob Marley has got to be insane. I got enough of my own baggage to carry around. Jesus, I don't want to live up to that."

Even with a packed tour schedule and a new Nahko and Medicine for the People album in the works, the artist has his eye on some big goals. "I think that what excites me most (is) getting back on some level of the political game where we can assist state-to-state efforts to get young people voting and excited about taking back the government in that sense."

"I think that there's great potential, and it's fun. I think bringing some fun to it again is really important, and showing how young people are doing incredible things in their cities."

Nahko and Medicine for the People perform at Vinyl Music Hall in Pensacola **March 15**. Discover more at **Nahko.com**.



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Breaking the Machine

Breaking the Machine
Independent



Tallahassee rockers are ready to get your head moving with chugging rhythms and a hard rock vocal style with a focus on melody. This is the band's seven-song debut album, and it's a solid punch of robust energy and well-built songs. Highlights include "Redemption" with its driving drum-bass, and the stripped-down (and undeniably catchy) "Acrimony."

- Nikki Hedrick

Crystal Coast

Crystal Coast III
Independent



Retro or ultra-modern? I'm not entirely sure, but it is a heck of a lot of fun. Pensacola's Crystal Coast combines soaring synths, EDM beats, and vocals that harken to British pop music. By embracing experimental tones while holding onto indie-pop song structures, Crystal Coast has crafted something memorable and enjoyable. Under the danceable beats are lyrics that touch on relationships, self-discovery, and how time affects us all, providing ample substance to this quirky project.

- Nikki Hedrick

Al Di Meola

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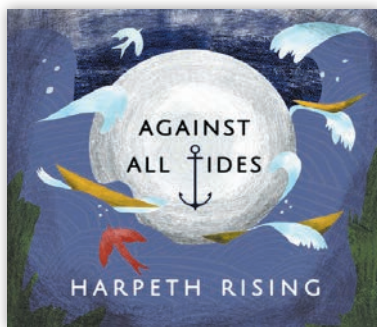


Opus is the latest release by Grammy-laureate guitarist and composer Al Di Meola. Di Meola has about as variable a jazz résumé as anybody, with more than 20 albums alone as leader. His job history includes Return to Forever and The Rite of Strings, plus collaborations with Chick Corea, Jaco Pastorius and John McLaughlin, to name only a few giants. *Opus* offers a rich menu of 11 compositions, with Di Meola very much at the forefront, letting go and gliding over a variety of rhythms and settings. There's a definite, danceable Latin vibe, but Di Meola doesn't tie himself down.

- Bruce Collier

Harpeth Rising

Against All Tides
Independent



Classically trained string trio use their instruments for contemporary music and storytelling. With complex folk-driven lyrics, heavenly vocal harmonies and versatile string instruments, Harpeth Rising are without question rising stars. If you think these young women are stuffy, I'd first question if your hearing is intact and then encourage you to visit their website,

which includes an extensive page on their pets, full of levity and love. It's also an appropriate parallel for their music—out to make an impact on the world, working to change perceptions on what classic instruments can do, and embracing a message of caring.

- Nikki Hedrick

MGMT

Little Dark Age
Columbia

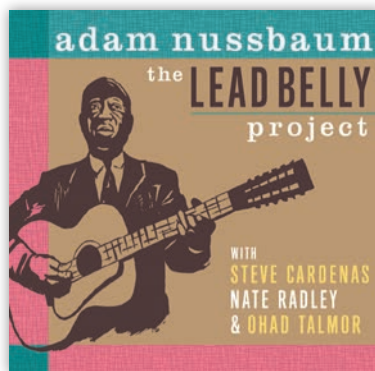


MGMT's new album is a cocktail of sounds, a well-shaken mix of old school Britpop, synth and drum machines served up in an echo chamber. For the most part, they've stuck with a recipe that works. Musically, it's a fine album peppered with lyrics that range from the seemingly trite "She Works Out Too Much" to the seemingly morbid "When You Die." Despite the titles' alternatively frivolous and dark connotations, both are great, upbeat tracks. But then the band totally switches gears with "When You're Small," a touching song that channels Leonard Cohen, maybe even Johnny Cash.

- Joni Williams

Adam Nussbaum

The Lead Belly Project
Sunnyside Records



Delta Blues legend Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter and his music get taken for an interpretive ride by drummer Adam Nussbaum on *The Lead Belly Project*. Nussbaum is joined by guitarists Steve Cardenas and Nate Radley, and saxophonist Ohad Talmor. The 11 tracks include canonical works like "Black Girl" and "Old Riley," and an unexpectedly twangy, melancholy take on the old country moonshiner anthem "Bring Me a Little Water, Sylvie." Nussbaum and company take some thoughtful liberties, not out of self-indulgence, but more as an exploration of the music's potential. A good example is Talmor's lead on an ethereal "Goodnight Irene."

- Bruce Collier

Smack Dab

Jamboree Live 9
La Cupula Music



Smack Dab is a Barcelona-based jazz quintet—Oriol Valles (trumpet), Lluc Casares (sax), Joel Gonzalez (piano), Pau Sala (double bass) and Joan Casares (drums). Their latest release is a live club recording. The seven tracks offer a blend of hard bop, straight-ahead and a touch of cool jazz. As with most live recordings, there's audience applause for individual solos, and the occasional introduction—all in Spanish. The combo has been playing together for a while, and it shows—their style is big, bold and very much together. There's some great individual work, too. Hope to hear more from them.

- Bruce Collier

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- Sonny Rollins



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THURSDAY, MARCH 8

AJ'S, Destin GAS STATION DISCO, 9 p.m.
AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.
AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com MARVIN HOLDMAN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.
GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach KYLE LaMONICA, 4 p.m.
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.
HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf QWERTY, 5 p.m.
HOG'S BREATH, Destin BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.
LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m. <i>Ladies Night</i>
LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.
MARINA BAY RESORT, Fort Walton Beach BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.
McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin NAKD, 9 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
30AVENUE, Santa Rosa Beach IN BUSINESS, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

AJ'S, Destin GAS STATION DISCO, 9 p.m.
AJ'S, Grayton Beach NAKD, 9 p.m.
AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight
BOSHAMPS, Destin BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.
BRIC A BRAC, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.
THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 KICKSTAND JENNY, 8 p.m.
GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach THE RIGHTLY SO, 9 p.m.
HOG'S BREATH, Destin JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m. GRAPE DRINK, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
IMOGENE THEATRE, Milton FOGHAT
LOS CABOS MEXICAN GRILL, Navarre CHRISTINA ALCONCEL, 6 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.
MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.
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REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com QWERTY, 7 p.m.
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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
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TASTE, Fort Walton Beach GWEN D'VYNE, 6-9 p.m.
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30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.
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THE 30A STORE, Santa Rosa Beach CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

VFW POST 7674, Fort Walton Beach ROB ROMANS, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

AJ'S, Destin GAS STATION DISCO, 9 p.m. TOBACCO ROAD BAND, 10 p.m.
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AJ'S, Grayton Beach CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m. NAKD, 9 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BELLA BLUE BAR, Niceville ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.
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BRIC A BRAC, Destin COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

BROUSSARD'S, Navarre ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6 p.m.
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CLUB LA, Destin LIT – KICKSTAND JENNY, 7 p.m.

COASTERS, Fort Walton Beach SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 10 p.m.
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THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 7-11 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 LUCKY STRIKE, 8 p.m.
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GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach PHELLER, 7 p.m.
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HOG'S BREATH, Destin JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 5-9 p.m. ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach THE MEMPHIS STRANGE, 6 p.m.

KARMA, Fort Walton Beach DaRELL, 9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin BUST, 5 p.m.
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THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
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REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.
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SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
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SUNDAY, MARCH 11

AJ'S, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.
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AJ'S, Grayton Beach THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com DINO LOURDI, 5-9 p.m.
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BOSHAMPS, Destin I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.
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FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf QWERTY, 5 p.m.
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HOG'S BREATH, Destin COLE JORDAN, 5-9 p.m.
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KENNY D'S BAR & GRILLE, Miramar Beach BOB CUSHING, 7 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m. <i>Sunday Funday</i>

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin THE MEMPHIS STRANGE, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.
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THE OTHER END, Destin ROB ROMANS, 3 p.m.
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POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
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MONDAY, MARCH 12

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com KYLE HASTINGS, 5-9 p.m.
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CLUB LA, Destin STARSET, 7 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666 WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-7 p.m.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

MARCH 9

August Greene, *August Greene*. An Amazon Original featuring Common, Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins.

Leonard Bernstein, *Complete Recordings on Deutsche Grammaphon & Decca*. Box set contains 121 CDs, 36 DVDs, and a 200-page book. Gasp.

Between the Buried and Me, *Automata I*

David Byrne, *American Utopia*. Also on vinyl.

Eva Cassidy, *Songbird (20th Anniversary Edition)*

Erasure, *World Beyond*. Also on vinyl.

Jimi Hendrix, *Both Sides of the Sky*. Also on vinyl.

Judas Priest, *FIREPOWER*. Also on vinyl.

Marillion, *Brave (Deluxe Edition)*. Also on vinyl.

The Nick Moss Band Featuring Dennis Gruenling, *The High Cost of Low Living*. Mr. Moss' Alligator Records debut.

of Montreal, *White Is Relic/Irrealis Mood*. Also on vinyl.

Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats, *Tearing at the Seams*. Also on vinyl.

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com, metacritic.com

Victor Wainwright and The Train, *On Tour*

Young Fathers, *Cocoa Sugar*. Also on vinyl.

MARCH 16

Caroline Says, *No Fool Like and Old Fool*. Also on vinyl.

Earl Thomas Conley, *Somewhere Between Right and Wrong/Don't Make It Easy for Me/Treadin' Water/Too Many Times*. Four classic '80s albums.

The Decemberists, *I'll Be Your Girl*. Also on vinyl.

Scotty McCreery, *Seasons Change*

Meshell Ndegeocello, *Ventriloquism*. Also on vinyl.

NRBQ, *NRBQ*. Their 1969 album remastered.

The Oak Ridge Boys, *17th Avenue Revival*

Shenandoah, *Reloaded*

Snoop Dogg, *Snoop Dogg Presents Bible of Love*

Stone Temple Pilots, *Stone Temple Pilots*. Also on vinyl.

Yo La Tengo, *There's a Riot Going On*. Also on vinyl.

Live Music

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Beachcomber Blues Jam with EDMO & BLUE LEW, 7-10 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 2 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
MARC HARRIS & MOJO RISING, 9 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-10 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Grayton Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 5 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
COLLIE BUDDZ – GIANT PANDA GUERRILLA DUB SQUAD, 7 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE & THE EDMO PROJECT, 7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
HARPETH RISING, 7 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7-9 p.m.
FREE Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

AJ’S, Destin
SOUTHSIDE OF THE TRACKS, 8 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
MELISSA JOINER, 5-9 p.m.

BART ROCKETT THEATER, HarborWalk Village, Destin
MUTZIE, 7 p.m.

BROUSSARD’S, Navarre
GWEN D’VYNE, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

FUDPUCKER’S, Destin
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-9:30 p.m.
Call 850-654-1544 for priority seating.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5 p.m.

MARINA BAY RESORT, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
HARPETH RISING

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Santa Rosa Beach
I’MAGENE, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

AJ’S, Destin
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6 p.m.
SOUTHSIDE OF THE TRACKS, 8 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

ARNETT’S GULFSIDE FARM AND STABLES, Santa Rosa Beach
Hit Songwriter House Concert with KEN JOHNSON – ANDI JOHNSON – BILLY MONTANA, 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Catering by Deep Dish Rescue. Beer and wine. General admission is \$10, VIP tickets \$25 (VIP includes two drink tickets and preferred seating.)

BART ROCKETT THEATER, HarborWalk Village, Destin
MUTZIE, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

FLOUNDER’S CHOWDER HOUSE, Pensacola Beach
BOB CUSHING, 5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 p.m.



Beachcomber Music Award winner David Seering (Best Male Vocalist, 2009-10) and singer Amanda Holmes present a check for \$24,000 to Children in Crisis President and CEO Ken Hair. The funds were raised during the recent David Seering and Friends Concert (the seventh!) at Destin’s Village Baptist Church.

BJ Thomas

Imogene Theatre, Milton



Photo by Edward McGrath

It was a night of classic songs at the historic Imogene Theatre, tucked along Milton’s downtown just outside of Pensacola.

BJ Thomas took the stage all dressed in black and waving to the audience. Tom Wild (guitar), Mel Watts (drums), Tony Crow (keyboards) and John Francis (bass) are the longstanding members of Thomas’ touring band.

The set began with Smokey Robinson’s “Get Ready,” made famous by The Temptations. The song’s upbeat energy was the perfect choice to kick off a great night of music.

The coolest instrument of the night goes to the electric sitar that made an appearance during “Hooked on a Feeling.” It was included in Thomas’ original 1968 recording, and a welcome addition to the stage.

Thomas’ catalog hops through genres, with the crowd ready to sing along at each stop whether it be country, pop or gospel.

He was chatty between songs, including remarking on how “New Look from an Old Love” was co-written by his wife Gloria Thomas. And he said of his first endeavor in the music industry, “I guess you could call us a garage band.” The Triumphs formed in 1959 and recorded their first album in 1966.

The main focus of the night was Thomas’ still-clear voice and broad range. The band supplied backing vocals, giving full breath to the harmonies and melodies of the

popular songs that reach across several decades.

Perhaps my favorite story of the evening was Thomas’ retelling of being encouraged to move to Memphis and later to New York for the betterment of his career. New York was solely for the opportunity to work with Burt Bacharach, about whom he only had positive things to say. But his description of Bacharach’s minimalistic New York apartment—it didn’t hold much more than a bed, a piano and stacks of music—felt like I was being told a secret. A true detail of music history, and a true insight into how a legend creates.

Thomas performed the expected hits for a crowd undeniably excited to hear “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head.” But it was his rendition of Jackie Wilson’s “(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher” that I enjoyed the most, simply due to my own memories attached to the song.

The performance ended with a standing ovation and echoes of applause off the old brick walls in the Imogene, followed by the shuffling of chairs as everyone scuttled down the stairs and out into the cool night air.

The night did continue for some. I joined the meet-and-greet and watched Thomas interact with his fans. He was easy to talk to and ready to sign whatever was brought his way. He was quick to shake hands and give hugs, thanking people for attending. Walking away from an experience like that makes you think even more highly of an already legendary performer.

- Nikki Hedrick

Live Music

GRAYTON BEER COMPANY,
Santa Rosa Beach
OROBORUS, 6-9 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
THE RHINO JOCKEYS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

ISLAND WING COMPANY, Destin
MELISSA JOINER, 8 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CHRIS BRYANT, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

PROPS BREWERY & GRILL,
Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach,
ReddsFuel.com
SPANISH FLY, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SRO, Niceville
ROB ROMANS, 9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

THE 30A STORE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

30AVENUE, Santa Rosa Beach
BOUKOU GROOVE, 6 p.m.

WORLD OF BEER, Destin
I’MAGENE, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

AJ’S, Destin
SOUTHSIDE OF THE TRACKS, 8 p.m.

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BART ROCKETT THEATER, HarborWalk Village,
Destin
MUTZIE, 7 p.m.

BEACH HOUSE GRILL, Navarre
RON DROLET, 4 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

DOC’S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
“The Delta’s Rockin’ Countryboy”

THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 7-11 p.m.

HILTON GARDEN INN, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 4 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 5-9 p.m.
THE RHINO JOCKEYS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

ISLAND WING COMPANY, Destin
MELISSA JOINER, 8 p.m.

LANDSHARK’S, Pensacola
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
CHRIS BRYANT, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
I’MAGENE, 4 p.m.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
ROB ROMANS, 2 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS
BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 9 a.m.
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 1 p.m.
Art in the Park

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island,
AlsBeachClub.com
DINO LOURDI, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
I’MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN
– DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al.,
11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,
Fort Walton Beach
THE YOUNG STEP, 10 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 5-9 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TANNER GRAY & MIKE INGRAM of THE
GRAYTONES, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 4 p.m.

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 p.m.

Live Music

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD"
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 9 a.m.
Art in the Park

MONDAY, MARCH 19

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Beachcomber Blues Jam with EDMO & BLUE LEW, 7-10 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
NIC TURNER, 5 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 2 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-10 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
ROBERT WRIGHT, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m.
Baytowne Live

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-9 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island, AlsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE & THE EDMO PROJECT, 7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
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PET OF THE ISSUE

Molly King, a/k/a The Thing of Evil

Photos by Nikki Hedrick
Words by Chris Manson

Molly is a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Proud papa **Stephen King** explains that he and wife Tabitha have an older rescue dog that bonded with Tabitha. "I felt left out," says Mr. King. So one of his sons got Molly from a breeder in New Hampshire. "I wanted a girl, and the [breeder] said there was only one female puppy and she ruled the roost." Nikki Hedrick and I definitely sensed that Molly was calling the shots at Mr. King's Osprey, Florida home.

"We've got a home in Maine, but Molly has spent more time in Florida. She knows what snow is but hasn't seen a lot of it. She's a beachcombing dog."

Since two of Mr. King's children (Owen and Joseph, the latter of whom writes under the name Joe Hill) are accomplished authors, I ask if Molly has demonstrated the knack. "She's only three!" he laughs, adding, "They say each human year is equal to seven dog years, so we'll be the same age when I'm 81."

BELOW: "We've always had Corgis," Mr. King says. "To me, Corgis are the best breed. They're sturdy and they're smart—big dogs in little dog bodies." He adds that when Molly first arrived, he enlisted assistant Barbara Ann McIntyre's husband to "wear Molly out" so he could get some work done. "It takes a village to raise a Corgi."



ABOVE: Where did Molly get the nickname The Thing of Evil? "When I was a kid, I watched all the Hammer horror pictures with Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing (as Dracula)," Mr. King tells BEACHCOMBER. "In one of them, when Dracula tries to attack Van Helsing, he holds up a cross and shouts, 'Back! Back, you thing of evil!' When Molly was a puppy and always tried to escape out the garage door when I went out, I'd tell her, 'Get back, thing of evil!' It just kind of stuck. She's actually a pretty darn good dog."



ABOVE: Editor Manson with Molly. "Molly is pretty friendly with everyone," Mr. King says. We ask if Molly functions as a muse for the author. "She's a-MUSE-ing. But she's a pain in the ass when I'm writing. She wants to go out and play ball!" Still, Molly has inspired at least one (not-yet-published) Stephen King story about a dog that's terrified of alligators.



ABOVE: Molly became famous for her dad's constant posts on Twitter and Instagram, but she remains pretty paws-off when it comes to social media. "I don't tweet, I eat!" she says. "If I post a picture of Molly, people post pictures of their dogs, and that's always fun," Mr. King says.

BELOW: Editor Manson tries to convince Stephen King to offer him and Nikki Hedrick jobs and/or adopt them.



BELOW: Molly's favorite thing to eat? "Anything," according to Mr. King. "She's very active and loves her toys. Her favorite thing is this cheap shit little 99-cent Frisbee, but I had to get rid of it because she tried to bury it in the backyard."



Submit your best friend for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com

Destin's Regatta Bay Celebrates Two Decades with Celebs, Golf, Community Do-Gooders

Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club hosts their 20th Anniversary Celebration **March 15-17**. The celebration will benefit One Hopeful Place and Emerald Coast Honor Games.

Over the past two decades, in addition to world-class golf, the Regatta Bay community has grown to include the world's largest indoor boat storage facility, Destin Commons shopping center, Regatta Commons Office Park, Legacy on the Bay Apartments, LuLu's Destin, and Legendary Marine, one of the country's largest boat dealerships.

Today, Regatta Bay is still growing with 21 new homes under construction in the newest community, The Preserve, designed by Destin Custom Home Builders, and plans are underway for a new 65-unit housing development named Tradewinds.

"It is such a tremendous milestone for us to have reached our 20-year anniversary," says Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club Head Golf Professional **Mike Giammaresi**. "The community is the reason we've grown throughout the years, so we felt it was imperative

to give back to the community that has supported us for so long. One Hopeful Place and Emerald Coast Honor Games are two charities that deserve a tremendous amount of support, and it's our hope to raise a substantial amount of funds for them."

One Hopeful Place is a 20-bed residential housing facility for men experiencing homelessness and veterans desiring to make a change in their lives. Their mission, to be the front door into permanent housing and to end the cycle of homelessness for those experiencing housing loss in Okaloosa County, is lived out every day with their Fort Walton Beach facility and their new 75-bed facility currently under construction.

Emerald Coast Honor Games is an annual fitness competition that combines CrossFit-style workouts to raise funds for defenders of the front line. In its first year, the Emerald Coast Honor Games raised over \$50,000 for four local charities—Okaloosa Sheriff's Star Charities, Healing Paws for Warriors, Special Forces Association, and the Combat Control Association.

The Emerald Coast Honor Games aims to grow even bigger in the years to come in hopes of raising more funds for their mission.

The celebratory weekend will begin with the Parade of Homes and Champagne Toast on Thursday, March 15, with a parade of homes by Destin Custom Home Builders from 3 to 5 p.m. Participants will enter at the guard gate where they will receive a punch card notating the homes to visit. The Parade of Homes will conclude at the clubhouse of Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club, where the Champagne Toast and celebration will continue from 5 to 7 p.m.

Those who successfully visit all of the homes with a full punch card or who donate \$100 to the charities will be entered to win a plethora of lavish prizes. The Champagne Toast event will be open to the public and FREE to attend.

On Friday, March 16, the Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club Celebrity Pro Am Live Auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Held outside on the driving range in a lavishly decorated tent, the night will be highlighted by food and drinks by Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club and live music by the renowned 10-piece brass band Masterpiece. A live auction hosted by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's President Ted Corcoran will be held that evening in which celebrities and golfers will be auctioned off to join player's teams for the Celebrity Pro Am Golf Tournament being held the next day.

Celebrities confirmed at press time include two-time major champion professional PGA golfer John Daly, former Major League Baseball second baseman and Hall of Famer Bill Mazerowski, former MLB player Greg Litton, Big Break Star and LPGA Pro Fiamma Felitch, and former NFL linebacker Keith Brooking, among many others.

The main event, the Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club 20th Anniversary Celebration Celebrity Pro Am Golf Tournament, will take place Saturday, March 17. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10. Entrance fees are \$650 to the public, and \$500 for Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club members to sign up individually, or \$3,000 to sign up a foursome.

All participants will choose a \$470 retail value VIP tournament gift package option of their choice at the Friday night celebration. All tournament players will receive complimentary meals, cocktails, and an invitation to the after party and awards ceremony following the tournament at the Regatta Bay Clubhouse. The tournament and after party are open to the public. Golfers can register a team or individually by emailing **Lexi@ProffittPR.com** or at the Regatta Bay Clubhouse.

To learn more about the Regatta Bay celebration and to purchase tickets to the Friday night event, visit **RegattaBay.com**.

- Jessica Bracken

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8- MONDAY, APRIL 30

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL DESTIN COBIA TOURNAMENT

Destin Harbor
Presented by **HarborWalk Marina**, the event attracts hundreds of first-time and seasoned anglers.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

"LUNA'S LEGACY: PENSACOLA'S 1559 SPANISH SHIPWRECK DISCOVERIES"

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon
850-678-2615
John Bratten from the Luna Shipwrecks Project speaks at the FREE lunchtime lecture (bring a sammich). Space is limited, so call the number above to reserve a spot.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

EMERALD COAST KINGS OF THE COURT 3-ON- 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Destin Commons, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
FWBChamber.com
FREE registration with tickets for fabulous prize drawings \$5 a pop. Presented by ZT Motors and hosted by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the event benefits **One Hopeful Place** and **Impact Emerald Coast**. For more info (sponsors, vendors, etc.), call 850-244-8191 or email rachelle@fwbchamber.org.

FIFTH ANNUAL TEQUILA & TACO FEST

HarborWalk Village, 1 p.m.
Live music on three stages and, we're assuming, lots of tequila and tacos. Cost is \$40 general admission, and \$75 for a VIP pass. Room packages available at **EmeraldGrande.com**, so indulge to your heart's (and stomach's) (and liver's) content. Presented by Crab Island Cantina, with event proceeds benefiting the **Salvation Army, Food for Thought**, and **Emerald Coast Honor Games**. Advance tickets available at **EventLiveUs.com**.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GrandBoulevard.com

NATURE "EGGSTRAVAGANZA" AND EGG HUNT

E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Freeport, 10 a.m.
EOWilsonCenter.org
Three age-divided hunts, with goodies scattered all over the lawn and throughout the Biophilia trails. Meet the Easter Bunny, play in the Egg Olympics, hang out with farm animals and more. Hot dogs and other snacks available for purchase. Bring your own basket and pre-register at the website listed above. FREE admission for adults with participating children.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

All Over Beachcomberland, 2 a.m.
Remember to spring forward. Yeah, we're probably going to forget, too.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
This week's special is corned beef hash. Yum.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

TAI CHI

Destin Library, 9 a.m.
taichiforarthritits.com
One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer**. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE FIELD HEARING: HEZBOLLAH GAINS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Naval Aviation Museum, NAS Pensacola, 1-4:30 p.m.
Gaetz.House.Gov
Hosted by **Congressman Matt Gaetz**. Press and public welcome. Enter through west gate only.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

FLOWER ARRANGING AND TABLESCAPING

Destin Library, 2 p.m.
850-837-8572
The Friends Guild of the Destin Library welcomes four area Master Gardeners and designers in this FREE program. Come glom onto some good Easter decorating ideas.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

BALLROOM BINGO

American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8:30 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA WITH TRICIA HAGEN

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 11:30 a.m.
850-267-4809
Ms. Hagen uses a gentle approach of yoga poses to help reap benefits while seated. Classes are 45 minutes long and donation-based.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EMERALD COAST ANNUAL DINNER

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6 p.m.
EmeraldCoastBGS.org
Entrée choices (served with small wedge salad and dessert) are Grilled Redfish with Creole Crawfish or Chicken Piccata Panee Breast with Lemon and Parsley Butter Sauce. Tickets are \$50 for individuals and \$95 per couple—purchase at the website listed above.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE DR. JENNIFER ZIMMERMAN

Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.
Democrats4wc@gmail.com



Dr. Zimmerman is a candidate for Florida's 1st Congressional District seat currently occupied by Republican Matt Gaetz. The program is FREE and includes refreshments and a Q&A session.

FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION (CRC): WHAT FLORIDIANS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

Destin Library, 6 p.m.
850-837-8572



An informal presentation with Florida attorney **LaDray Brandon Gilbert**. The FREE program lasts approximately 90 minutes and will include a question and answer period. Arrive early.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GrandBoulevard.com

INTRO TO TIMBER FRAMING

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.
850-678-2615
Gain an understanding of the timber framing process and build a sawhorse that can be used for your next project. Cost is \$95 (\$90 for museum members). Space is limited, so call to reserve a spot.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.
SeasideFL.com

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service on the Destin Harbor at Brotula's, 9:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); XALT at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 9:30 a.m., Traditions at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary; sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 4 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays

at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 a.m. 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaeparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
 This week, enjoy breakfast burritos along with other favorites, cocktails.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

SMALLab RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING
 Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 4-6 p.m.
 ECScience.org

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 One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer**. Cost is \$5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

BALLROOM BINGO

American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8:30 p.m.

BIOPHILIA SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Freeport, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

EWilsonCenter.org

Kids ages 5-12 experience the outdoors, dip-net in the pond, hang out with animals, hike nature trails and explore the museum. Cost is \$45 per camper, with members receiving a 20 percent discount.

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Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
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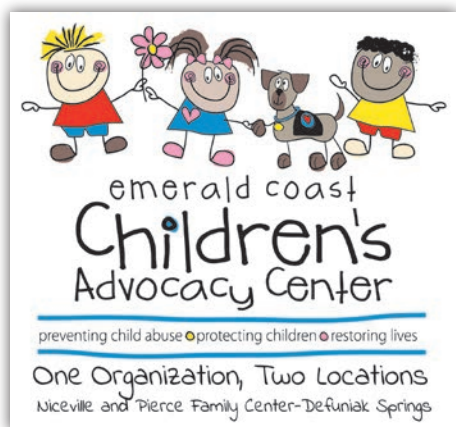
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Three Items from the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center

I. The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (ECCAC), Verizon, and the Walton and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Offices are working together on a class for parents only about smart devices and how they can better protect their kids. The class is **FREE** and open to the public **Monday, March 26**, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pierce Family Children's Advocacy Center, located at 336 College Avenue in DeFuniak Springs.



Instructors will provide a 30-minute lecture on apps and device security, followed by a Q&A session for the attendees. Handouts will also be provided covering all the subjects discussed. RSVP required by **March 23** to ensure supplies and handouts are available for attendees. Email **Danielle@eccac.org** or call 850-833-9237, ext. 233.

"We are excited about this new program to help parents," says ECCAC CEO

Julie Hurst. "Anything ECCAC can do to raise awareness of child abuse is so important for the well-being of our children, particularly with technology and the vulnerability it can create to put kids in dangerous situations with predators. We will be rolling this program out quarterly throughout the region in order to help parents be better prepared and give them the technology know-how to protect their kids."

II. The Village of Baytowne Wharf recently present a \$3,000 check to the ECCAC, from Baytowne's recent beer festival.



From left—ECCAC's Julie Hurst, Chelsea Fox and Kim Henderson with Baytowne Wharf's Julie Stuckey, Leighann Elliott and Alan Meyers.

"We appreciate Baytowne's generous donation," says Ms. Hurst. "This will so help in the process helping to heal our kids."

III. Captain Eric Aden from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office recently joined the ECCAC board of directors.



Born on Eglin Air Force Base, Capt. Aden is the son of an aerospace engineer, pilot and teacher. He has lived in Shalimar his entire life, with the exception of the period he spent attending Florida State University where he graduated with a BS in Criminology.

Joining the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office in 1995, Capt. Aden has served as a patrolman, resource officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. His duties include overseeing the Posse, part-time Reserve Deputies, the Watch/Patrol Commanders, and the three airports in Okaloosa County.

He also served as a member of the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force from

2010 to 2015 and is actively involved in the community. Capt. Aden was the 2014 United Way Volunteer of the Year, has assisted in raising funds for United Way, and has served on the boards of the local Kiwanis Club and Republican Club.

"Public safety and public trust is very important to me," says the longtime law enforcement officer. "I enjoy serving the community I grew up in and have been working with ECCAC for the past two decades. It is my goal to represent law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office for ECCAC and help prosecute offenders and protect the community's children."

The ECCAC provides services in a child-friendly environment to help identify, treat and support children in abusive situations. The nonprofit helps prevent child abuse through education, protects child victims from future abuse, and provides resources to restore the lives of the impacted child and the child's family.

*ECCAC serves Okaloosa and Walton counties and houses representatives from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Child Protection Team, State Attorney's Office, local law enforcement, licensed mental health counselors, and ECCAC's staff and volunteers. Learn more at **ECCAC.org**. If you suspect abuse, call the anonymous Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.*

- Kay Phelan

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

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MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming,

saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk, or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.

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RV Enthusiasts Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again

By Samantha Lambert

According to the website GoRVing.com, the first motorized campers were built in 1910. They were known as “camping trailers” or “auto campers” and were the forerunners of today’s modern RVs. RV Camping Clubs date back to the 1920s and ‘30s. The “Tin Can Tourists” were RVers who drove their “Tin Lizzies” across the U.S. through mud and dirt before transcontinental roads were paved.

The RV industry began to grow after World War II, and many in today’s RV industry began producing their products in the 1950s and ‘60s. According to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), more than nine million households now own an RV. That is the highest level ever recorded, and RV sales are expected to increase as baby boomers reach retirement age.

Jim and Sandi Madaris have always liked traveling and did a lot of tent camping with their children when they were young. The retired military veterans officially started RVing about three years ago, when they bought a 20-foot pull-behind travel trailer called a Lance. They were empty nesters at that point. They drove the Lance to California and back on a two-and-a-half month trip.

“We learned on that trip that, one, we wanted a real bathroom, not an all-in-one efficiency bathroom. Two, we found that we needed an island bed with room on each side of the bed to get out. Plus, we did not have enough room in the Lance to just ‘hang out’ when the weather was bad,” says Jim.

In November 2016, the Madarises bought a 33-foot fifth wheel travel trailer. Fifth wheels are designed to be towed by a pickup truck with a device known as a fifth-wheel hitch. “The bathroom was bigger and had a real shower,” says Sandi. “We added a washer and dryer and a tankless water heater. Plus, we had room in this one to hang out.”

In August 2017, the Madarises sold their house and were looking at starting full-time RVing. They have recently decided to upgrade to a 36-foot motor home with all of the amenities they had before. They’re hitting the road this summer.

Both say travel is one of their favorite aspects of RVing. “You get to know people in the RV parks, and there is a sense of camaraderie,” says Sandi. “Plus, you get to travel at a slower pace. There is a great feeling of relaxation.”

Roger Ruess, another retired military veteran, started selling mobile homes in Michigan in the 1970s. After a while, he decided to move to south Florida and started selling cars in Kissimmee. There, he met his wife Aileen when she came in to buy a car. He and Aileen were married in 1985. Roger then began selling RVs in Orlando.

“I had done a lot of tent camping with my parents and five brothers and sisters growing up in Fort Walton Beach,” says Aileen. She and Roger took their first RV trip together to Key West. Roger then started his own RV dealership in Apopka, buying, selling and delivering RVs for 10 years. He also did RV shows for Camping World across the country. As their family grew, Aileen and the kids would travel along in demo RVs while Roger did RV shows.

The Ruess family (Roger, Aileen, and six kids) traveled in their RV to Branson, Missouri, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Ohio and Williamsburg, Virginia.

“Traveling with kids is so easy,” says Aileen. “The RVs have everything you need in one place. The kids loved it. The RV parks always felt very safe, and the kids always had plenty of playmates.”

Roger and Aileen moved to Gainesville in the early 2000s, where Roger managed an RV dealership. In the mid-2000s, they moved to back to Fort Walton Beach and got out of the RV business.

“If you are looking to purchase an RV, attend RV shows,” says Roger. “You can learn a lot at the shows. Then rent an RV and try it out at a local campground.”

Aileen agrees with the Madarises that RVing is a relaxing lifestyle. She also notes that you don’t accumulate a lot of stuff like you do in a house. Owen, her oldest son, says he always liked traveling around in the RV.

“My favorite part, though, was getting to sleep on the dashboard!”


A photograph of a sign for 'Camille's At Crystal Beach' featuring a large pink rose. Below the sign is a view of the cafe's interior, which has a blue wall with the word 'CAFE' written vertically. People are seated at tables in the background.

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Books

Recommended Reading

Jennifer Latham

Dreamland Burning

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (Paperback)

Dreamland Burning is an incredible Young Adult historical fiction novel centered on the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921, which I had never heard of, let alone studied in history class. Each chapter of the book flips back and forth between present-day 17-year-old Rowan Chase, an affluent biracial (black mother, white father) young woman living in Tulsa who discovers a skeleton on her family's property, and 17-year-old William Tillman, a biracial (Osage Indian mother, white father) young man dealing with Jim Crow segregation and heightened racial tensions in the months leading up to the Tulsa Race Riot. This is a powerful and important story that I could not put down.

- Marilu Morgan



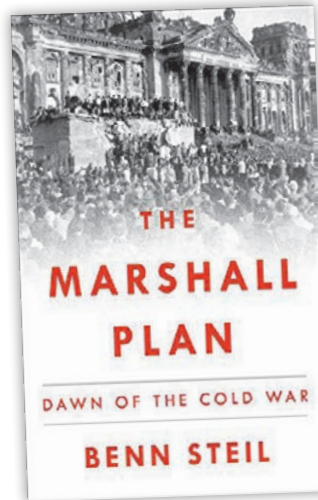
Benn Steil

The Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War

Simon & Schuster

Before the dust had settled from World War II, another war began almost immediately. The victorious Allies—America, Britain, and the U.S.S.R. (with France bringing up the rear)—occupied a wrecked and starving Germany. Each had a very different idea for its future, from subjection to reconstruction. The Marshall Plan, presented by Secretary of State (and former Army Chief of Staff) George Marshall, put America's economic and military stamp on the rebuilding of Europe and helped jump-start the Cold War. Steil's account is meticulous, detailing the contributions not only of the major players, but the not-so-minor figures behind the scenes.

- Bruce Collier



Upcoming Books

MARCH 13

Peter Brown, *The Wild Robot Escapes (The Wild Robot Series)*

Jerome R. Corsi, Ph.D., *Killing the Deep State: The Fight to Save President Trump*

Rickie Lee Jones, *Rickie Lee*

John Kruth, *Rhapsody in Black: The Life and Music of Roy Orbison*. Paperback.

Dave Thompson, *Goldmine 45 RPM Records Price Guide (8th Edition)*. Paperback.

Ann Voskamp, *The Way of Abundance: A 60-Day Journey into a Deeply Meaningful Life*

Eric Zielinski, *The Healing Power of Essential Oils: Soothe Inflammation, Boost Mood, Prevent Autoimmunity, and Feel Great in Every Way*. Paperback.

MARCH 20

Lisa Genova, *Every Note Played*

Elizabeth George, *The Punishment She Deserves: A Lynley Novel*

Erika Jayne, *Pretty Mess*

Rachel Lee Rubin, *Merle Haggard's Okie from Muskogee (33 1/3 Series)*. Paperback.

Danielle Steel, *Accidental Heroes*

Peter Schweizer, *Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends*

Robert Webb, *The Ultimate Playlist: The 100 Greatest Road Songs*. Paperback.

Sources: amazon.com, netgalley.com, pauseandplay.com

Book Clubs

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY
BOOK STUDY/DISCUSSION
GROUP

Art Center Gallery, Fort
Walton Beach, 5-6 p.m.
ArtsDesignSociety.org



The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month. The current discussion is based on Elizabeth Gilbert's *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

STREAM ON

Before the Flood
Netflix



Over the years, Leonardo DiCaprio has developed a passion that goes beyond gorgeous women, extreme partying and openly vaping at award shows—he’s on a mission to save the world from environmental destruction, or at least slow it down. To that end, he has teamed up with none other than *National Geographic* to bring us a documentary about climate change and why it poses a threat to our imminent survival. In addition to backing this up with intel from credible sources (NASA, even the Pentagon), the documentary offers practical solutions for everyday people who aren’t into granola crunching or tree hugging. Be forewarned, though—the evidence of climate change is presented with such easy-to-understand logic and documentation (and the pleasant lull of DiCaprio’s ongoing narration), it’s difficult to watch in its entirety and remain skeptical.

- Joni Williams

Queer Eye
Netflix



Queer Eye is back with an all-new “Fab Five” of lifestyle-fashion-grooming advisers based in Atlanta. Every episode features a total makeover of an adult male, kind of like the reality show equivalent of a real-life Cinderella blessed with five fairy (no pun intended) godfathers. What makes this show worth watching—besides being filled with plenty of practical applications for the lifestyle-challenged males amongst us—is how effective it is at diplomatically breaking down stereotypes. Some of the touchier subjects addressed include the ingrained anxiety felt by a black man when pulled over by white cops. The show also depicts at least a couple of classic, good ol’ boy Southerners who, contrary to stereotypes, aren’t innately homophobic. Still, there’s enough humor to keep the show light, making it one of Netflix’ more entertaining original shows.

- Joni Williams

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

MARCH 9

Gringo. David Oyelowo tangles with Mexican drug lords, international mercenaries, and the DEA.
The Hurricane Heist. Wonder how this one will play in the Redneck Riviera?
The Strangers: Prey at Night. Does not star Price and Obliqu, unfortunately.
A Wrinkle in Time. Mindy Kaling, Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Zach Galifianakis.

MARCH 16

Love, Simon. Jennifer Garner, Josh Duhamel, Tony Hale.
7 Days in Entebbe. The true story of the 1976 hijacking is one of the top 93 movies of the year, according to our source.
Tomb Raider. Alicia Vikander as Lara Croft, the “Tomb Raider” of the film’s title.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

MARCH 13

Call Me by Your Name. Luca Guadagnino’s acclaimed romantic drama.
The Disaster Artist. James Franco’s tribute to cinematic ineptitude.
I, Tonya. Margot Robbie, Allison Janney, Sebastian Stan.
Justice League. Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and more join forces, but where’s Black Panther?
The Shape of Water. Sally Hawkins, Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins. Directed by Guillermo Del Toro.

MARCH 20

Downsizing. Alexander Payne’s satire stars Matt Damon at his tiniest.
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle. Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart.
Pitch Perfect 3. Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Hailee Steinfeld, Ruby Rose.
The Work. Gethin Aldous and Jairus McLeary’s critically hailed Folsom Prison documentary.

Source: www.metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

RON DAVIS’ “HARRY AND SNOWMAN”
Destin Library, 2 p.m.
850-837-8572



Dutch immigrant Harry deLeyer journeyed to the United States after World War II and developed a transformative relationship with a broken down Amish plow horse he rescued off a slaughter truck bound for the glue factory. Harry paid \$80 for the horse and named him Snowman. In less than two years, Harry and Snowman went on to win the triple crown of show jumping, beating the nation’s bluebloods—they became famous, traveling the world together. Eighty-six-year-old Harry tells their Cinderella love story firsthand, as he continues to train on today’s show jumping circuit. Presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library, Inc.

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	Sunset	5:51pm	Low 3:12am
	Moon	47%	High 4:23pm
3.11	Sunrise	7:01am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:52pm	Low 5:06am
	Moon	37%	High 6:33pm
3.12	Sunrise	6:59am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:52pm	Low 5:51am
	Moon	28%	High 7:40pm
3.13	Sunrise	6:58am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:53pm	Low 6:27am
	Moon	20%	High 8:39pm
3.14	Sunrise	6:57am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:54pm	Low 6:56am
	Moon	13%	High 9:33pm
3.15	Sunrise	6:56am	TIDES
	Sunset	5:54pm	Low 7:12am
	Moon	7%	High 10:25pm
3.16	Sunrise	6:55am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:55pm	Low 7:30am
	Moon	3%	High 11:22pm
3.17	Sunrise	6:53am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:55pm	Low 7:34am
	Moon	0%	Low 5:17pm
3.18	Sunrise	6:52am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:56pm	High 12:29am
	Moon	0%	Low 7:10pm
3.19	Sunrise	6:51am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:57pm	High 2:00am
	Moon	1%	Low 8:39pm
3.20	Sunrise	6:50am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:57pm	High 12:55pm
	Moon	5%	Low 10:06pm
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Stage > Upcoming Shows

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

"STOKED" COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-8:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 10

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SUNDAY, MARCH 11

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HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8-10 p.m.

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MONDAY, MARCH 12

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TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8-10 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 16

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

StageCraftersFWB.com



Melissa Wolf-Bates and **Douglas Henderson** team up to direct the play within a play (or is that farce within a farce?). Tickets are \$20 (students pay \$10 at the door). Available online or at P.S. Gifts in Fort Walton Beach and Bayou Books in Niceville. The play contains adult language and themes and is not recommended for children.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 p.m.

StageCraftersFWB.com

"STOKED" COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8-10 p.m.

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MONDAY, MARCH 19

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW

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HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8-10 p.m.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

"STOKED" COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8-10 p.m.

EmeraldGrande.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 25

STAGE CRAFTERS' "NOISES OFF!"

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Coastal, Caribbean and Cuban at the Club

Tropicana Club has been open since fall of 2017. It's part of the historic, restored, revamped and renovated Hotel DeFuniak. I had lunch there near the end of the year, and followed up last week with dinner. Tropicana Club also serves brunch. Last month, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking briefly with Chef Tavita Lemapu, who catered a private party I attended in DeFuniak Springs.

My pre-New Year lunch consisted of a Cuban sandwich, something I find very hard to resist anywhere I find it. It's the genuine south Florida article, roast pork, ham, Swiss cheese, and pickles. Chef Lemapu does a slight variation on the mustard, using a Creole mustard aioli in place of the traditional yellow mustard. It adds a bit more texture, along with that essential tang to counter the richness of the meat.

When we talked, I asked Lemapu if he was planning on adding any more south Florida Cuban dishes. He said he was thinking of putting *ropa vieja*, ("old clothes" or "old rags") on the menu as a special. I did not tell him I was planning to review the restaurant, but the prospect of *ropa vieja* was a powerful motivator.

My wife and I ate at Tropicana Club on a weeknight. We got there around 6, and it was fairly quiet, but the place was filling up by the time we left. There are two dining areas as you enter on Nelson Avenue. There's a smaller room to the left, and the more formally decorated main dining room, where we had dinner. There's also a cocktail lounge and a lounge for cigar aficionados.

The main dining room is a rectangle, anchored by a bar on one wall, with tables comfortably spaced along both walls. The floors and the walls are dark wood paneled (my wife called it a "deep purple eggplant" color), with copper, gold and crystal chandeliers and fixtures. On each table is a vase containing a bouquet of white plumes. Wooden chairs with carved backrests add to the clubby atmosphere, and one feels like a member almost instantly.

Our server (Amber) showed us to our table, gave us menus and told us about the night's specials—a fried baby portobello mushroom starter and, yes, *ropa vieja*. We took some time to look over the menu, but my mind was made up.



Tropicana Club's dinner menu offers appetizers, sandwiches, salads and soup, and assorted main course items. All but the main courses are also on the lunch menu. We settled on the portobellos to start, my wife chose Jamaican jerk chicken with rice and green beans, and I got the *ropa vieja*, which comes with yellow rice and flour tortillas.

The portobellos arrived, fresh from the fryer, one- and two-bite sized mushrooms, with a greaseless, crusty batter that paired well with the chewy, savory morsels. They are served with a choice of ranch or bleu cheese dipping sauce, but Amber gave us samples of both.

Other starters include St. Lucia ceviche, buffalo chicken dip, Caribbean quesadilla, and chips and salsa.

The entrees arrived. My wife's chicken was juicy, mild to mid-level spicy. I tasted a bite, and it's good, but I had *ropa vieja* on my side of the table.

It's called "old rags" because that's sort of what it resembles. It's beef (filet, I was told) slow cooked with peppers, onions and spices until it falls apart

and shreds like old rags. It's a deeply traditional Cuban dish, the kind that probably has a different recipe for every family in the country. At Tropicana Club it has a rich, a warm-spice flavor, the kind to take your time with and try to figure out what all's in there.

Other menu choices include muffedetta, Jamaican jerk chicken sandwich, club or chicken salad sandwich, fish or pork tacos, Caribbean or jerk chicken Caesar salad, Cajun gumbo, broiled grouper, blackened chicken alfredo, creamy crawfish pasta, and an eight-ounce filet.

For dessert the night we ate there, they had red velvet cake, coconut cake, molten lava cake, brownie, and peach cobbler. My wife decided to skip dessert, so I went for the cobbler.

I got some vanilla ice cream on it. It was fresh-from-the-oven hot and bubbling, and the ice cream melted down into it like Mount St. Helens. The crust was crisp, the interior fluffy and buttery, filled with spiced fruit. My wife did take a small bite, and I cleared the rest. It's my personal Leave No Trace policy.

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Step into the elegant, private club atmosphere of Tropicana Club at the restored Hotel DeFuniak. Lunch, dinner and weekend brunch with a Coastal-Cuban-Caribbean flavor. Cuban sandwiches, jerk chicken, filet, pork and fish tacos, muffedettas, gumbo and daily specials. Full bar, cigar lounge, \$6-25.

SoWal Wine & Food Update: We Never Promised You a Rosé Garden, But...

America's most renowned wine and food festivals have four main ingredients—celebrity winemakers, top culinary talent, thought-provoking tasting seminars, and elements that highlight and celebrate current trends. The **South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival**, happening **April 26-29**, combines these elements to create the ultimate wine weekend in Northwest Florida.

Held in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin's Town Center, the 2018 South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival features a dazzling roster of celebrity winemakers, distillers, chefs, brew masters and entertainers while introducing grand new features, including the Rosé All Day Garden, provocative seminars with industry leaders and culinary masters, aiming to please every palate.

"We've watched Rosés grow and grow in popularity, and wanted to replace Champagne Lane with something new," says **Chan Cox**, founder of the festival. "Inspired by New York City Rosé festivals, including La Nuit en Rosé and Pinknic, we believe the Rosé All Day Garden will beautifully complement our April weather."

Presented by ResortQuest, the Rosé All Day Garden will feature Rosés from around the globe, including Italy, Spain, France, and South America and from North America, California and Oregon. The entire Grand Park will be transformed into all things Rosé. From pink décor to machines whipping out Frosé, a popular frozen drink made with Hendrix Gin and *Marques De Caceres Rioja* Rosé, the Garden will be blooming pink.

Rosé vodka, Rosé champagne, Rosé sparkling wines and Rosé wine from domestic and international vineyards will be among the hundred different tasting options. Attendees are invited to embrace the theme by donning their favorite pink, rose or blush colored attire. A photo booth and Rosé swag from ResortQuest will give guests every opportunity to see and drink pink.

"Europeans have been drinking Rosés forever. However, in the last four or five years, Americans began discovering European Rosés, which are light in color with lots of flavor yet dry," Mr. Cox says. "Dry rosés are so

versatile. They go with anything, and they are pleasant for warm summer enjoyment."

Educational tasting seminars are another critical element of a world-class wine festival, and the South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival will once again feature highly-sought after winemakers and master distillers from around the world sharing their knowledge and love of producing fine wines and spirits.

On Saturday, April 28, Anthony and Olive Hamilton Russell of Hamilton Russell Vineyards, as well as Southern Right and Ashbourne wineries, will lead the first seminar beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Honoring one of the master distillers featured at the Craft Beer & Spirits Jam on Friday, April 27, Maker's Mark Master Distiller Rob Samuels will lead an educational tasting seminar on Saturday, April 28, from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

Among the master distillers at the 2018 Craft Beer & Spirits Jam and featured within Spirits Row at the Grand Tasting will be Master Distiller Dave Pickerell of WhistlePig.

On Sunday, April 29, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., Mathieu Pouchan of Salon Delamotte will lead a tasting seminar on the timeless classic, Champagne.

Oregon wine pioneer David Adelsheim's Sunday tasting seminar will focus on the Pinot Noirs that put Oregon wines on the map. His seminar runs from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

Finally, a grand wine festival deserves an exceptional culinary program, and the Savor South Walton Culinary Village is set to deliver delicacies that pair beautifully with the wines. Led by the Culinary Director of Wine World's The Wine Bar and The Craft Bar, Scott Plumley, the creative spread infuses local produce along with local meats from Heureux Beef, just north of DeFuniak Springs, and Coastal Blue Farms in Freeport.

With distinct flavor profiles to blend acidity with bases and balance the wines, the menu includes Alabama goat cheese fritters with San Marzano Tomato Sauce; avocado sourdough



paired with marinated baby tomatoes and Aleppo pepper; Heureux Beef slider topped with aged gouda, tomato-bacon marmalade, and Coastal Blue Farms Micro Arugula; and Low Country Shrimp and Grits paired with Conecuh Sausage, Shellfish Nage and Collard Greens.

Award-winning cheeses will also be on the menu. Presented by Gourmet Foods International, world-renowned cheese expert and educator Michael Landis will present a sampling of the

American Cheese Society's medal-winning cheeses.

The four-day celebration of wine also includes Craft Beer & Spirits Jam, Spirits Row, Nosh Pavilions, live entertainment and more than 800 wines poured by knowledgeable wine industry insiders.

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Attendees enjoy such attractions as Spirits Row, Rosé All Day Garden, Savor South Walton Culinary Village, Nosh Pavilions, Tasting Seminars, Craft Beer & Spirits Jam, live entertainment and more than 800 wines poured by knowledgeable wine industry insiders.

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Bartender of the Issue — Caitlin Duffey

Cheers Pub, Shalimar



Caitlin Duffey may not know your name, but when she's tending bar at Cheers, it doesn't matter. She knows her beers, and since Shalimar Cheers Pub offers 80 of them on tap, that's important. A native of Fort Walton Beach, Duffey has been at Cheers for a year. She started on the floor and worked up to the bar, which she admits was "pretty daunting at first."

Duffey says that her favorite thing about Cheers is "definitely the customers and enjoying the people I serve," adding, "I'm a big fan of beer." Her personal favorite is "Divide and Conch'r," a local IPA from Santa Rosa Beach's Idyll Hounds Brewery.

With a steady stream of both locals and guests from the Fairfield Marriott hotel next door, Cheers' customer tastes are fairly wide-ranging. However, Duffey reports that two of the biggest sellers are Yuengling and Blue Point Toasted Lager.

When she's not pouring brews, Duffey enjoys the beach, soccer, and Netflix. Oh, and math. Yes, you read that correctly. Duffey is a math major and one of the smartest bartenders around. Currently on hiatus from her studies at the University of Central Florida, Duffey looks forward to eventually finishing her degree and seeing where her career path takes her.

Until then, she's happy pouring drinks at Cheers. "It's a big family, both the staff and the customers," she says. "The regulars, they know you and you know them!"

- Alita Feek

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AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

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BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

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CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

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BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" www.hogsbreath.com/destin.

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CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This “sister” restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don’t skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, Full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

REDD’S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd’s Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit www.reddsfuel.com and find **Redd’s Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

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THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you’ll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

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ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni’s latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 p.m. 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

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LATIN / MEXICAN

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CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded



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chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

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MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsatons Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

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DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine

inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 a.m. 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.com.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

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When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
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JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE
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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19




Uranus nudges Saturn aside, and your temperamental nature comes full force. Your refusal to compromise, even regarding menial matters, would be a problem for most people. You have such few friends to argue with that it won't be a problem.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20




Your ruling planet is Jupiter. You are fearful and, at the same time, overly trusting. That is one horrible combination. You are compatible with Taurus, but since you fancy yourself as a victim in all things, you're more likely to seek help from Virgos. Good luck there.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20




FINALLY! All good things coming your way. You've heard bad things come in sets of three? No worries. Good things come to you in huge currents like rising rivers. Nothing but wondrously beautiful stuff for you. Life gets better and better. You'll be surrounded by family and friends. And they all adore you!

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21




Uh oh. When will it all end? Surely there is a finish line to all this madness. Venus is in charge, and she's not happy! Your insecurities show in odd and unattractive ways. You're stubborn, and you need to stubbornly avoid almost everyone. DO NOT wear synthetic fabrics.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21




Mercury rises, and that means trouble. You are inconsistent and indecisive—you won't be able to figure anything out. That might be for the best. Spend what free time you have on trivial stuff. For God's sake, don't attempt to take on complicated chores or things that require any kind of deep thought.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22




The moon comes and goes, unlike your pessimism. In your case, pessimism is entirely rational. Your suspicious nature leads to attempts at manipulation, but your ability to manipulate anything or anyone has atrophied. You can't even manipulate yourself.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23




Not good. Not good at all. Your natural arrogance comes off to most people as fantastically funny humor. LOL. Your presence alone causes eye rolls and *tsks* and almost sympathetic responses from the few people you meet. Your demeanor and even your attire are pitiful—in a sad sort of way.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23




Your propensity to criticize others would be unacceptable, except you are also brutally self-critical. That is generally well-placed criticism. BITCH. BITCH. BITCH. Do you know how tiring it is to listen to this stuff? Everything sucks? Can't you even find one little thing not to criticize?

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23




Does greatness ever get boring? You're number one! Your path is one of harmony, understanding and gentleness. Spend time outdoors. Do you like to fish? If so, there will be a fish on every wave—particularly when the sun shines and the wind is out of the southeast. And they're big fish! And you catch 'em!

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22




This is getting to be a pattern. Pluto and Mars collide, and your distrustful nature comes full force. Your paranoia is normally somewhat manageable. Not now, our barely suppressed rage will manifest in full-blown violence. Please—stay away from firearms, knives and all heavy, blunt instruments.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Your lack of common sense catches up. Your tact (what little you have of it) disappears totally. Your side of conversations become so convoluted that no one has any idea what you're talking about. Consequently, they have little interest in you or your nutty theories.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



You of all people should learn to be a little more forgiving. People begin to refer to you as "the snob." And with good reason. Where do you get off? The list of things that bother you is endless and petty. No one is good enough for you. That will remain a freaky mystery to everyone you come into contact with.

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